

Campbellsburg Christian Church

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A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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Julie's Journal

Welcome to 2020! I'm looking forward to a great new year and I hope that you are, too.

A friend of mine recently said to me, "You be you." I think it is important for all of us to remember that God made each of us with our own unique set of gifts and flaws to be His lights in the world. Let your unique light shine in 2020. The world needs your light!

I am so grateful for the wonderful participation during Advent. From the ordering of the poinsettias to the packing of solider boxes to the decorating of the church to the Hanging of the Greens to the Christmas luncheon to the Choir's Christmas Cantata to the Christmas Eve Service and everything in-between. It was a joy to see everyone pitching in to make these events happen. In particular, I would like to thank Cheri for her outstanding work during Advent.

On January 5th, we will celebrate Epiphany followed by the un-decorating of the church. The scripture for that day will be Ephesians 3:1-12.

I will be at LTS January 10th-13th for my last on-campus class, but we will be off on Sunday morning for worship. The scripture for January 12th will be Matthew 3:13-17.

Will Lyle and Erin Orr will be preaching on January 19th and 26th while I am participating in the seminary's Sacred Italy trip. Many thanks to both of them. And, many thanks to the congregation for allowing me to go on the trip. In addition, I so appreciate everyone who has filled out surveys and given me ideas for my capstone project. Please keep me in your prayers as I work to complete my Master of Divinity degree this spring.

Thank you so much for the generous love offering! I will use it while I'm in Italy.

Unfortunately, we have had a couple of safety concerns recently. Please be vigilant and watch for any unusual behavior. If you see something, say something. The Board has met to discuss safety issues, and will be following up with some new safety procedures in 2020. Please continue to pray for the safety of all houses of worship and the safety of people of all faiths. Please also pray for those whose hearts are so filled with hatred and despair. May they find love and peace in 2020.

We will have five Sundays in February. I like to do something special on Fifth Sundays. Be watching for an announcement about that.

It is not too early to begin thinking about Lent and the Passion Week. Please mark your calendars for Ash Wednesday (February 26th), Palm Sunday (April 5th) and Easter Sunday (April 12th).

Finally, I leave you with a poem for the New Year by the late Maya Angelou:

Continue

My wish for you

Is that you continue

Continue

To be who and how you are

To astonish a mean world

With your acts of kindness

Continue

To allow humor to lighten the burden

Of your tender heart

Continue

In a society dark with cruelty

To let the people hear the grandeur

Of God in the peals of your laughter

Continue

To let your eloquence

Elevate the people to heights

They had only imagined

Continue

To remind the people that

Each is as good as the other

And that no one is beneath

Nor above you

Continue

To remember your own young years

And look with favor upon the lost

And the least and the lonely

Continue

To put the mantle of your protection

Around the bodies of

The young and defenseless

Continue

To take the hand of the despised

And diseased and walk proudly with them

In the high street

Some might see you and

Be encouraged to do likewise

Continue
To plant a public kiss of concern
On the cheek of the sick
And the aged and infirm
And count that as a
Natural action to be expected

Continue
To let gratitude be the pillow
Upon which you kneel to
Say your nightly prayer
And let faith be the bridge
You build to overcome evil
And welcome good

Continue
To ignore no vision
Which comes to enlarge your range
And increase your spirit

Continue
To dare to love deeply
And risk everything
For the good thing

Continue
To float
Happily in the sea of infinite substance
Which set aside riches for you
Before you had a name

Continue
And by doing so
You and your work
Will be able to continue
Eternally

Blessings,
Julie

Musical Musings

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

A couple of months ago I signed up for an Amazon Music subscription. For those of you who don't know what that is, it's an app on my phone where I can choose to play any kind of music without advertisements. It was a deal I couldn't pass up...four months for ninety-nine cents. Of course, they do this hoping that people like me will love it so much that we continue the subscription for \$9.99 a month, or forget to cancel and end up paying for an extra month. I wrote the cancellation date on my calendar, so hopefully I will not be paying any extra.

I love listening to contemporary Christian music, so this is the station that my Amazon Music stays on most of the time. This past week, I've heard some great new songs, two of which I think are very appropriate as we begin a new year. The

first one is called "All Things New" by Big Daddy Weave and the second is called "Brand New" by Matthew West. Following are some of the lyrics from "Brand New."

Anyone in Christ is now a new creation,
every day you're closer to the you He's making.

So take one last look back and see your past erasing.
You are not who you were, that's over and done.

So lift up your eyes to the one who's making you new.
He's making you new.

He's healing your heart right where you are if only you knew.

He's lifting your shame, He's changing your name,

And when you look back the only thing that you'll see is His grace

Has been making you brand new.

The beginning of a new year oftentimes has us reflecting on the past year... remembering important events that took place in our lives, special times spent with family and friends, or moments that we will never forget. We also think about things we wish we would have handled differently, words we wish we would have or would not have spoken, and time wasted that we will never have again.

I've never been one to make New Year's resolutions, but I try to think about ways that I can be a better person in the coming year. As followers of Christ, each of us is a new creation and we don't need to dwell on our past, but it doesn't stop there. I believe God wants us to continually be aware of ways that we can spend time with Him, serve Him, and share the love of Christ with others.

My prayer for this new year is that God will give me a desire to spend more time in prayer and reading His Word, make me aware of the needs of others and give me opportunities to help meet those needs, and help me to be more confident in sharing my faith in Christ with others.

In His service,
Cheri

From the Chair

I was thinking about what to write for my article this month when I received the following email devotional. Most of you know that I am a huge fan of Max Lucado and this is an excerpt from one of his books. I have read several of his books and haven't found one yet that I didn't like or learn from. I would highly recommend them.

Laws of the Lighthouse
by Max Lucado

The first of the year is known for three things: black-eyed peas, bowl games, and lists. Some don't eat black-eyed peas. Others hate football. But everybody likes lists.

The Bible certainly has its share of lists.
Moses brought one down from the mountain.

There are lists of the gifts of the Spirit. Lists of good fruit and bad. Lists of salutations and greetings. Even the disciples' boat got into the action as it listed in the stormy Sea of Galilee. (If you smiled at that, then I've got a list of puns you'd enjoy.)

But the greatest day of lists is still New Year's Day. And the number one list is the list I call the Laws of the Lighthouse.

The Laws of the Lighthouse contain more than good ideas, personal preferences, and honest opinions. They are God-given, time-tested truths that define the way you should navigate your life. Observe them and enjoy secure passage. Ignore them and crash against the ragged rocks of reality.

Smart move. The wise captain shifts the direction of his craft according to the signal of the lighthouse. A wise person does the same.

Herewith, then, are the lights I look for and the signals I heed:

- Love God more than you fear hell.
- Once a week, let a child take you on a walk.
- Make major decisions in a cemetery.
- When no one is watching, live as if someone is.
- Succeed at home first.
- Don't spend tomorrow's money today.
- Pray twice as much as you fret.
- Listen twice as much as you speak.
- Only harbor a grudge when God does.
- Never outgrow your love of sunsets.
- Treat people like angels; you will meet some and help make some.
- 'Tis wiser to err on the side of generosity than on the side of scrutiny.
- God has forgiven you; you'd be wise to do the same.
- When you can't trace God's hand, trust His heart.
- Toot your own horn and the notes will be flat.
- Don't feel guilty for God's goodness.
- The book of life is lived in chapters, so know your page number.
- Never let the important be the victim of the trivial.
- Live your liturgy.

To sum it all up:

Approach life like a voyage on a schooner.
Enjoy the view. Explore the vessel. Make friends with the captain. Fish a little. And then get off when you get home.

From In the Eye of the Storm

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This reminds me of a song recorded by Christian musician Ryan Stevenson. It was released in 2015 and its chorus has been especially fitting for me during the last few years.

*In the eye of the storm
You remain in control
And in the middle of the war*

*You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor
When my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm*

Let us all remember that God is in control and His love will surround us no matter what!

Yours In Christ,
Kim

Scripture of the Month

You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11 *New King James Version*

Financial Info

As of December 31st:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 47,894.79
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 7,766.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 17,999.90

January Calendar

- January 1st: **New Year's Day**
Happy Birthday – David Graetz
- January 2nd: Packing Teacher Care bags –
Campbellsburg Methodist Church
- January 5th: **Epiphany Sunday**
Ephesians 3:1-12
Call to Worship – Gina Lyle
Elders – Alice Lyle
Les Lyle
Deacons – Isaac Schwarz
Tina Spencer
Acolyte – Amy Lyle
Un-decorating of the church
- January 6th: **Feast of Epiphany**
- January 8th: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
- January 10th: *Happy Anniversary – David & Gale Graetz*
- January 12th: *Matthew 3:13-17*
Call to Worship – Les Lyle
Elders – Chet Lawrence
Kevin Mullikin
Deacons – Jill Bohman
Patricia Carpenter
Acolyte – Ava McKinley
Happy Adoption Day – Amy Lyle
- January 14th: Henry County Ministers' Meeting –
Our Best – 11:30 a.m.
- January 15th: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
- January 19th: Call to Worship – Kim Mullikin
Elders – Jim Chambers
Alice Lyle
Deacons – Mary Ann Courtney
John Ellegood
Acolyte – Ginny Lyle

- January 20th: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- January 21st: *Happy Birthday – Andrew Mullikin*
- January 22nd: Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
- January 26th: Call to Worship – Chet Lawrence
Elders – Les Lyle
Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Mindy Lawrence
Ben Lyle
Acolyte – Adam Lyle
- 4th Sunday Potluck Luncheon following Worship
Board Meeting following the Luncheon
- January 27th: *Happy Anniversary – Tina &
Russell Spencer*
- January 28th: *Happy Birthday – Bryanna Imel*
- January 29th: A.D.M.er's – *Lawson's Family*
Restaurant – Campbellsburg – Noon
Team Carpenter / Mullikin packing bags for
Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen – 5:45 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
- January 30th: *Happy Birthday – Sue Bush*
- February 2nd: Call to Worship – Alice Lyle
Elders – Kevin Mullikin
Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Patricia Carpenter
Mary Ann Courtney
Acolyte – Amy Lyle

Outreach & Evangelism Committee

The **Backpack Ministry** is continuing to bless children at Campbellsburg Elementary School. We are currently serving 48 children. Our church is responsible for the following items that are packed on a weekly basis: *Fruit Grain Bars, Pepperoni Snack, Jif To Go, Ramen Noodle packets, Pringles, Pudding Cups, Individual Goldfish, Individual Cookie Packs, Cheese Dip Snacks, and General Mills Snack Bars.* Our next packing date will have **Team Carpenter / Mullikin** packing bags on **January 29th**. **Team Rankin** will pack on March 4th.

12/15/19 Congregational Meeting

The proposed budget for 2020 of \$84,084 was unanimously approved at the December 15th Congregational meeting. Our total 2019 receipts were \$76,708.

The following people were selected to serve on the Board: Tracy Carpenter and Chet Lawrence for three-year terms as elders; and Becky Bush, Jennifer Rankin and Isaac Schwarz for three-year terms as deacons. We will not have Junior Deacons serving this year.

Thanks to each of the above church members for their willingness to step up this year and to all the Church officers, elders, deacons, and junior deacon who served so well in 2019.

Board Meeting

Our January Board meeting will be held following our luncheon on Sunday, January 26th. The main order of business will be to elect new board officers. All outgoing and incoming board members are encouraged to attend.

Luncheon

Our January Luncheon will be held on the 26th following the worship service. The Kitchen Committee has designated this luncheon as "Soups, Sandwiches and Desserts." Tea will be provided. Be sure to attend for great food and fellowship.

A.D.M.er's

After a brief hiatus in November and December, the next A.D.M.er outing will be held on Wednesday, January 29th, at *Lawson's Family Restaurant* by the interstate in Campbellsburg, weather permitting. Please sign up today so we can notify the restaurant and they can have a table ready for us.

Thank You

Thanks to each of you for the Christmas bonus! I appreciate your kindness and generosity. May you have a blessed 2020! Cheri

Among Our Own

Thank you to the **Kitchen Committee** and everyone who helped with our annual Christmas Luncheon...

The **Worship Committee** has set Sunday, January 5th, following our worship service to "un-decorate" the church. If you purchased a poinsettia and haven't already, please take it home. If you decorated a window in the fellowship hall, please make sure to take your things home as well.

Thanks so much to **Chet Lawrence** for replacing the pulpit microphone!

Prayer Concerns

*For Specific Prayer Concerns
See Newsletter in Church
Due to Confidentiality*

All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Nation

WORLD PEACE

Billy Graham's Prayer for a New Year

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant more than a decade later.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look

forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen.

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